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SUBJECT: MORE ON HABIB VISIT TO IRAQ

1. DURING DINNER CONVERSATION 10 JULY IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN ALGIERS, HISHAM TABAQCHAI, ASKED DCM ABOUT RESULTS OF UNDER SECRETARY'S TRIP TO BAGHDAD.
2. DCM REPLIED THAT IRAQIS HAD INFORMED HABIB THAT THEY WERE NOT YET READY TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HISHAM CORRECTED DCM, SAYING THAT IRAQI RESPONSE WAS NOT THATY THEY WERE NOT READY TO RESUME RELATIONS, BUT THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO "PROMISE" TO DO SO.
3. HISHAM NOTED THAT ONE OF DIFFICULTIES ON IRAQI SIDE HAS BEEN THAT THEY WISHED TO SEE CHANGE OF USG ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE ISSUE. DCM REFERRED TO RECENT ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST AND ASKED HOW IRAQIS VIEWED THEM. HISHAM RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE "PLEASED".
4. A SECOND POINT TO ARISE DURING HABIB'S VISIT, HISHAM SAID, WAS IRAQI DESIRE TO SEE CIA STOP INTERVENING INTERNAL IRAQI AFFAIRS, SPECIFICALLY BY ITS ACTIVITIES ON NORTHERN FRONTIER. BAGHAD, HE VOLUNTEERED, WAS AWARE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES HAD STOPPED.

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5. DCM ASKED HISHAM IF ALGERIANS HAD SENT MESSAGE ON HABIB VISIT AS WE HAD ASKED THEM TO DO. HE SAID YES, ALGERIANS HAD SENT MESSAGE, BUT THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN HAD BEEN ILL AND THEREFORE HABIB HAD HAD TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER.
6. COMMENT: THIS IS FOURTH TIME DCM HAS SEEN HISHAM SINCE HABIB

VISIT TO IRAQ AND FIRST TIME HABIB VISITED RAISED. WHILE WE DO NOT  
SEE HISHAM AS LIKELY CONDUIT FO AN IRAQI INITIATIVE, HIS COMMENTS  
DO SUGGEST SOME RECEPTIVITY, THOUGH WE NOTE THEY ARE IN CONFLICT  
WITH IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENTS EARLIER IN MONTH.

IF DEPARTMENT WISHES, WE CAN PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, EITHER  
DIRECTLY WITH HISHAM OR USING ALGERIANS IN TERMEIARY.HAYNES

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